

KETTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1965

To which is added
THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I submit herewith my Annual Report for the year 1965. The report is presented in the form required by the Ministry of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	17,735
Population estimated mid-1965	3,810
Number of inhabited houses	1,215
Rateable Value	£172,711.
Sum represented by Penny Rate	£688.

VITAL STATISTICS

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>		
Live births	- legitimate	31	30	61		
	- illegitimate	3	-	3		
Still births	- legitimate	1	-	1		
	- illegitimate	-	-	-		
		<u>District</u>			<u>England & Wales</u>	
		<u>Crude</u>	<u>Corrected</u>		<u>1964</u>	
Live Birth rate		16.8	17.1		18.4	
Death rate		9.4	10.7		11.3	
Infant mortality rate per						
1,000 live births			31.3		20.0	

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.....	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	-
Malignant neoplasm, uterus.....	-	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.....	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system.....	3	3
Coronary disease, angina.....	2	3
Other heart disease.....	2	2
Other circulatory disease,.....	1	2
Pneumonia.....	2	1
Bronchitis.....	4	-
Other defined & ill defined diseases.....	2	-
Motor vehicle accidents.....	1	-
Suicide.....	-	1
	<u>20</u>	<u>16</u>

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
& OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (other than
Tuberculosis) during the year 1965.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total cases notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to hospital</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Measles	12	-	-
Whooping cough	1	-	-
Influenzal pneumonia	1	-	1
Acute primary pneumonia	3	-	1

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE NOTIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASES

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Under 1</u>	<u>1 2</u>	<u>2 3</u>	<u>3 4</u>	<u>4 5</u>	<u>5 9</u>	<u>10 14</u>	<u>15 24</u>	<u>25 34</u>	<u>35 44</u>	<u>45 64</u>	<u>65 and over</u>
Measles	2	-	2	1	-	2	3	2	-	-	-	-
Whooping cough	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Influenzal pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Acute primary pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1

Tuberculosis

No cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during 1965.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES
FOR THE AREA

Nursing in the Home

Provided by the County Council under the National Health Service.

General Hospitals

Acute and Maternity admissions to:-

Stamford and Rutland Hospital under the Peterborough and Stamford Hospital Management Committee of the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board.

Chronic and long term cases to either:-

St. George's Hospital, Stamford

or

Catmose Vale Hospital, Oakham.

Isolation Hospital

Infectious cases are admitted to the Peterborough Isolation Hospital under the Peterborough Hospital Management Committee.

Laboratory Facilities

Provision for the bacteriological analysis of milk, water and pathological specimens is made by the Public Health Emergency Laboratory at the Memorial Hospital, Peterborough, under Dr. D. H. Fulton. This includes also bacteriological specimens sent by the National Health General Practitioner Service.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS

(a) Provided by the Rutland County Council

Child Welfare:-

Ketton

Twice monthly

Immunisation:-

Provided under the General Medical Practitioner Service of the Rutland County Council and at the child welfare clinic.

(b) Provided by the Regional Hospital Board

Tuberculosis

Tuberculosis cases are seen at the Chest Clinic, Stamford Hospital, under the Consulting Chest Physician, Dr. G. B. Royce.

Stamford and)	Weekly clinic
Rutland Hospital)	Tuesday & Friday

W. L. PALMER

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH



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FACTORIES ACT, 1961, PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	14		
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	12	17		
(111) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers Premises)	-	-		
TOTAL	19	31		

2. Cases in which defects were found.

	Found	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
		Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
			Referred		
Want of Cleanliness					
Overcrowding					
Temperature					
Inadequate Ventilation					
Ineffective drainage of floors					
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective					
(c) Not separate for Sexes					
Other offences against The Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).					
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT - Outwork (Sections 133 and 134) NIL

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TABULAR STATEMENT OF INSPECTIONS

Housing	117
Meat and Foods	33
Factories	31
Offices and Shops	17
Refuse Disposal	53
Sewage Disposal	95
Building	337
Infectious Diseases	-
Rodent Control	194
Miscellaneous	593
Total	<u>1470</u>

NOTICES SERVED

	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Complied With</u>
Informal	9	6
Statutory	23	19

MEAT AND FOODS

No animals have been slaughtered in the District for human consumption during the year, requirements of the local butchers being met from the Stamford Abattoir.

The food condemned comprised one goose affected with tumours and 10 lbs. of imported ox kidneys in a state of decomposition.

Preserved Food, Etc., Food and Drugs Act

There are no changes in the Register to report.

Milk and Dairies

There are no changes in the Register to report.

FACTORIES

There are no changes in the Register to report during the year and it has not been necessary to issue any Notices.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

It is gratifying to report that there have been no cases of Infectious Disease requiring investigation or disinfection neither has it been necessary to take any action in respect of verminous persons or premises.

NEW BUILDINGS

The recession in the building trade showed itself to some extent during the year and is reflected both in the number of plans deposited and dwellings completed. 123 plans were deposited of which 93 were approved, 25 were exempt from Building Byelaws, 4 were disapproved and 1 deferred. The approved plans included those for 40 private dwellings comprising 33 at Ketton, 3 at Ryhall, 2 at Little Casterton, 1 at Tinwell and 1 at Tixover. 30 private dwellings were completed during the year comprising 22 at Ketton, 6 at Ryhall, 1 at Little Casterton and 1 at Tinwell. 14 bungalows for elderly persons were completed by the Council at Ketton.

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SCAVENGING

This service has continued to operate satisfactorily during the year with very few complaints and the hiring of standard dustbins continued to be a popular service. At the end of June the vehicle hired by the Council came to the end of its contract period and it was decided to purchase a new vehicle from Shelvoke and Drewery (fore and aft tipping 20 cu. yds) with power press for compaction of refuse to deal with the ever-increasing bulk of light-weight refuse in the form of metal, plastic and cardboard containers of every description. The vehicle is giving very satisfactory service.

The problem of disposal continues. Establishment of a tip seems immediately to attract unauthorised dumping of unwanted material from all directions and in the case of the tip at Tinwell this nuisance has on occasions reached such dimensions that the Council's own vehicle could not gain access. The problem of keeping the tips tidy is aggravated by the diminishing quantity of ashes in household refuse.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

It is with regret that I report again no positive progress in respect of schemes for sewerage Tinwell and Essendine and enlarging the Ryhall Works. The sludge problem at Ryhall became so acute that emergency measures were taken to clear the temporary lagoon and to pump the sludge onto an adjoining field. The subsequent effect on crops in this field is being watched with interest. Good progress was made with the Great Casterton scheme and at one time it appeared that completion before the end of 1965 would be possible but inclement weather early in the winter made this achievement impossible and therefore no premises were connected before the end of the year although the Works was substantially complete.

During the year a further 46 premises were connected to the sewer at Ketton and throughout the district a total of 24 pail closets were abolished and replaced by water closets.

RAG FLOCK ACT

There are no registrations in force in the District.

PET ANIMALS ACT

There are no licensed premises in the District.

WATER SUPPLIES

I have received from the Water Boards the results of 129 water samples taken during the year for bacteriological examination; of these 118 were satisfactory, 3 were suspicious and 8 were unsatisfactory. A chemical analysis of a private supply in the Parish of Pickworth was satisfactory.

RODENT CONTROL

The death of the Rodent Officer previously operating as a combined officer for the whole County necessitated making new arrangements. It was decided to employ a private firm under contract to deal with pest control in future. The arrangement was brought into use in June and has worked well. In all 30 complaints were received of which 29 related to rats and 1 to mice, 25 of the premises concerned being dwelling houses for which the Council offers a free treatment service. The total number of infested properties treated was 36.

HOUSING INSPECTION

23 Unfit houses were dealt with during the year but little was achieved regarding the 'Long Row' area, Ketton, owing to divided opinion between the desirability of redevelopment of the site or reconstruction of the houses. Two further areas embracing 62 to 70 High Street, Ketton, and various houses in Aldgate, Ketton, including the 'Ten Row' were under consideration as further sites for redevelopment or reconstruction. The problem of housing the aged was further assisted by the completion of 14 bungalows at Ketton, bringing the total accommodation for elderly persons in this District to 46. A good figure but one which has by no means exhausted the present demand.

During the year 10 houses were brought up to Discretionary Grant Standard and 2 to the Standard Grant requirements. 17 applications for Grants resulted in the award of 12 Discretionary Grants and 5 Standard Grants including one for enhanced Grant for the erection of a bathroom.

No. of Visits	117
No. of Houses Inspected	112
No. of Houses Inspected and recorded	85
No. of Visits made for the purpose	90
No. of Houses found unfit for habitation	33
No. of Houses not in all respects fit	52

Remedy of Defects

No. of Houses made fit as a result of informal action	23
No. of unfit houses closed as a result of Closing Orders	4
No. of unfit houses closed by accepting undertakings from owners	18
No. of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	1
No. of Cases of overcrowding discovered	Nil
No. of Cases of overcrowding abated	Nil
Proceedings under the Public Health Acts	Nil

MOVABLE DWELLINGS

No additional sites have been licensed during the year. One site was discovered unlicensed and in use permanently for a single caravan. The occupants were rehoused by the Council and the site closed.

PETROLEUM ACTS

As a result of widespread complaints of a smell of petrol fumes in the vicinity of licensed petrol tanks at Ketton a leaking tank was discovered. Immediate measures were taken for this tank to be emptied, filled with water and the surrounding soil chemically decontaminated. The licence for this tank was cancelled.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Statistical information is given on a separate sheet.

CLEAN FOOD REGULATIONS

A general survey of food premises including canteens and licensed premises with special regard to those selling meals was carried out during the year. Conditions were generally satisfactory but in one case action was taken to secure improved washing accommodation at a licensed premises and a satisfactory scheme was submitted by the Brewers concerned.

L. J. ROLL

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
AND SURVEYOR

July, 1966

